(c) Water being a State subject, the concerned State Governments are primarily responsible for planning, funding and execution etc. of all types of irrigation projects/schemes including flood control and drainage from their own resources and as per their own priorities.

Erosion of Ganga in North Bengal

2425. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government are considering a proposal to recognize the heavy erosion of the banks of Ganga in North Bengal and to undertake anti-erosion work there;

(b) if so, whether any survey report has been prepared on the project together with its estimated cost; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI) : (a) to (c) Flood Management is a State subject. Planning investigation and execution of flood management works are primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments. Government of India renders assistance in works that are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

The river Ganga is not located in North Bengal. As per available information, no proposal regarding heavy erosion in North Bengal has been received from the Government of West Bengal.

Completion of Narmada Dam Project

2426. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to complete the Narmada Dam Project;

(b) if so, the present status of the project;

(c) whether the voluntary agencies like Narmada Bachao Andolan etc., have been creating problems in the completion of the Dam project; and